

## Pamphlet Puts Democrats On Spot

### Planning Board Responsibility Shifts When Issue Attacked

### Trickery In Army Is Now Apparent

CHICAGO, Ill.—A combined meeting of the Planning Boards of both Eastern and Western Divisions of the Republican National Committee will be held here all day Saturday, October 19th. This announcement was made in a joint statement issued by Francis E. Rivers of New York eastern director of the Committee's Colored Division, and Sidney R. Redmond of Chicago, western director.

Plans for a major drive to climax the Willie-McNary campaign will be completed at this meeting. The eastern board members will journey to Chicago for the meeting.

Members of the Eastern Planning Board who will make the trip are as follows:

Mass.—Joseph Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah Martin, of Boston; and George Gordon of Springfield.

Rhode Island—James M. Crockett, Jr., and Mrs. Anna M. Lewis, both of Providence.

Conn.—Mrs. Eloise Day of New Haven; William Hatchett,

of Bridgeport.

New York—Mrs. Bertha Diggs Buffalo; Lamarr Perkins, New York; George Wilbecan, Brooklyn; Francis E. Rivers, NYC; Sara Pelham Speaks, NYC; Robert Leftwich, NYC; Oliver Randolph, NYC; Miss Enid Phillips Arthur C. Logan, and Harry B. Webber, of New York.

New Jersey—Dr. Marcus W. Wheatland Camden; William A. Dart, Atlantic City; Mrs. Elizabeth Blake Woodbury.

Penna.—Joseph V. Baker and Mrs. Maude B. Coleman both of Harrisburg.

Del.—John Hopkins and Mrs. Carrie M. S. Pipes, both of Wilmington.

Maryland — Marse Calloway, and Mrs. Elvira Bond, both of Baltimore.

Washington, D.C.—J. Franklin Wilson and Mrs. Madelyn Lewis.

West Va. — T. Gillis Nutter, and Harry J. Capehart of Charleston; Mrs. M. T. Whittico, Keystone; S. R. Andrews Bluefield.

NEW YORK.—The latest sensation in the Democratic Committee's "smear pamphlet" attacking Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, was the fact that on Monday many of the nation's most prominent colored and white leaders were urging Julian D. Rainey, Democratic colored director, to resign in protest against New Deal efforts to blame him for the pamphlet.

That Rainey himself may have some such action in his mind was indicated Monday when it was learned that he told friends in Boston, Mass., his home, that he might be back home sooner than expected.

Beside by newspapermen in his office Monday Rainey sought to defend himself by repudiating the pamphlet and also asserting that some misguided Harlem Democrat was responsible. He would not comment on the resignation report.

It is believed that if Rainey resigns on the grounds that the slur against the race was too much for him his stature as a leader would be immeasurably enhanced. Sources close to him indicated late Monday that the Democratic chief was even contemplating deserting President Roosevelt and joining the "Democrats for Willkie" organization. Rainey has been under heavy

pressure since the smear story broke Saturday morning, when news men walked into Rainey's office at 331 Madison Ave., and picked up copies of the release from the table reserved for press releases.

Among the wealth of rumors flooding newspaper offices Saturday morning was one that a "Fifth Columnist" in the Democratic camp had planted the releases. Technically, the Democratic pamphlet would come under Dr. C. V. Powell's department. He is chairman of publicity. However, as head of the Division, Rainey is responsible for any errors in publicity releases.

A long list of prominent men, not in politics, has been added to the Willkie bandwagon as a result of the "smears." Harr Burleigh, the noted baritone called on Mr. Rivers Monday afternoon to pledge his support to Willkie in protest against the New Deal "smear."

Scores of ministers in the east have taken similar stands according to River's mail and telegrams. In Harlem, reception of the "smear" was attested by scores of statements similar to these: "I think it was a trick of the white Democrats to what they wanted through the Negro."

Do not believe it will have any effect on Willkie, as most of the people here in Harlem who will vote will never know about the article.

"To accuse a man on account of race is a thing we should never uphold. That is what they have always done about us. I think it was a disgrace."

"A shame that white Democrats used the Negroes this way."

At a press conference Monday afternoon at Eastern Republican National Committee headquarters Mr. Rivers issued the following statements:

"I understand that Mr. Rainey has just made the statement that he had nothing to do with the pamphlet of instructions to colored speakers containing the 'smear' on Mr. Willkie, and that one of the volunteer workers in his organization had prepared it and submitted it for approval; but that before he, Rainey, or Michaelson, could see it and approve it that some newspapermen came in and took it out and published it—as a result of which it was given to the country."

"Respective of such flimsy explanation as this, it is a fact that as a result of Mr. Flynn's statement, which carried the (Continued on Page 4)

## Alabamans Seek Vote Right In Court

BIRMINGHAM. — The right of local boards of registrars to arbitrarily bar Negroes from registering to vote will be tested to the first time here Monday, October 14, when nine Negro citizens appear before the circuit court of Jefferson county Alabama, to have their qualifications determined by a jury.

### GOP FINDS TWO NEW ORATORS OF ABILITY



NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Miss Bertha Swindall, of Chicago an orator of amazing ability, is one of the two younger speaking "discoveries" in the Willkie Presidential campaign. She won prolonged applause at the Conference of the National Federation of Republican Women's clubs in Detroit last week. Miss Swindall is a graduate from the University of Chicago and is active in Young Republican circles of Chicago.

The nine persons who are represented by Arthur D. Shores counsel for the local branch of the NAACP, include William Boswell, Jasper Townsend, Leslie B. Hutcherson, Willie P. Harris, Rufus E. Crosby, Edgar L. Howard, William J. Humphrey, Claude Smith and Alonzo Evans.

The case has been hanging fire since last January, when the applicants appeared before the local board of registrars and were refused registration, after an examination behind closed doors. They filed petitions in the circuit court last February, under a state law which provides that where one has been denied registration he may appeal to the circuit court, and have his qualifications determined by a jury.

Bringing the case into the courts marks a victory for Mr. Shores, who, with the backing of the local NAACP branch and the Southern State Conference of NACP branches, has waged a long fight to have the courts determine the qualifications upon which the fitness of applicants for registration may be judged.

Commenting on the case, Shores said: "This will be the first time we have had to try any of these cases. Heretofore after petitions were filed, the petitioners received their certificates of registration through the mail."

## DRIVE GETS GOOD START IN HARLEM



NEW YORK, N. Y.—Harlem's big Republican drive got off to a dramatic start last week when state and national women leaders held a large mass meeting at 160 W. 129th Street. Speakers and leaders present included (l. to r.): Ioneze H. Jefferson, State Royal Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star; Camille A. Rodman, Court of Calanthe; Agnes P. Reid, evangelist; Sara Pelham Speaks, Director of Women's Activities, Eastern Division, Republican National Committee; Rosa L. Blocker, G. and Worthy Councillor, State of New York, past Grand Daughter Ruler IBPOE of W; Lucille Womack, Assembly candidate, 21st A. D.; Virginia McIntire, Virginia Circle, Alice Campbell Order Eastern Star; Louise A. Harvey Supreme Matron, Daughter of phinx; Julia B. Wilson, Supreme Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star.

Standing (l. to r.)—Josephine Obanion, secretary, Invincible Temple Elks; Cora Neeley, Ruler Invincible Temple Elks, No. 77; Madeline B. Young, Chivalry Court of Calanthe; Rae G. Harris, Most Ancient Grand Matron, Heroines of Jericho; Elizabeth S. Edmunds, Past Daughter Ruler Eureka Temple; Le'ia E. Cobb, Eureka Temple No. 22; Theresa Walker, Invincible Temple Elks; Anna Brown, Ladies Protective Union No. 5; Fannie S. Johnson, President of Red Rose Beneficial Society; Ossie W. Alexander, Unity and Love Association; Ella M. Alexander, Margarette E. Stoupe, Grand Vice Daughter Ruler of Elks; Mae Williams, Pres. of Dressmakers Circle; Mary L. Grant, New York Elks Choir; Lillian Lawrence, Assistant to Mrs. Speaks, and L. A. Barnes.

Top row (l. to r.)—Alice Russell, Supreme Recorder, Heroines of Jericho; Isabella Haynes, Most Noble Queen Order of Moose; Carrie Boardman, Manhattan Temple 393, Elks; Elizabeth B. Carroll, Order of Gazelles; Elsie Sims, Daughter of Sphinx; Gusie Roy, President Love and Truth Beneficial Association; Maud Coleman, President Emma V. Kelly Beneficial Society, and Eva Osborne.

## Only 353 Race Officers, Say Army Experts

NEW YORK. — At present there are 353 eligible Negro Reserve Officers, according to Robert P. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War.

Patterson made the announcement in a letter to the NAACP in response to an inquiry filed with his office October 1. "The records of the War Department, said the letter, 'indicate that a total of 4,926 Negro students have enrolled as Freshmen in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at two schools having all-Negro personnel. Of these, a total of 554 have completed the 4-year ROTC course at these schools.' No information was available, according to the letter as to the race of students enrolled in mixed schools."

With the statement that both Colonel Benjamin O. Davis and his son Lt. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., will "normally remain on their present assignments until the summer of 1942, when they will have completed their four-year tour of duty," the Assistant Secretary of War said that "it is impossible to predict what future assignments will be given to any officer of the regular army."

## CONTEST WINNER JOINS WILLKIE BANNER



New York, N. Y. — Caleb Peterson international oratorical prize winner of 1938 and well-known baritone, enlisted under the Wendell Willkie banner in the current Presidential campaign and is winning many voters from the New Deal for Willkie. He is regarded as one of the speaking finds of the year.